

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, members, the thing that concerns me about these bus rides, I think that they are fine, but, how much are they going to use from the general federal allocation highway funds that is going to jeopardize the development of our outstate highways, can someone answer that? In filling up holes and things of that type.

SENATOR SNYDER: (inaudible)

SPEAKER: OK, who ever wants too.

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator Nore, when you say our, our in the sense that they are divided according to formula state wide. This is not mandating anything. It is saying that if a city so desires, of its validation and establishes its own priority, they could do this. They.....Omaha has to assign just a certain amount of money for these state highway or the federal highway allocation.

SENATOR NORE: Omaha has to assign just a certain amount of money for these state highway or federal highway allocation?

SEANTOR SNYDER: Just like Genoa, yes.

SENATOR NORE: This is all that it affects?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes.

SENATOR NORE: They can't come back and say now we have spend I think former Governor Tiemann stated in the World Herald a week ago that they are going to take.....he would like to see a 33% of the highway allocation funds used for mass transit. Now will that leave us a third short in out-state Nebraska if he does this?

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator Nore, I can't speak for Nobby Tiemann or anyone else. I am sure that you understand that mass transit is a new concern on the National and Federal level. I can't speak for them there will be plans available for all of us from the Federal Government. This is merely an option for a local city or county to utilize the funds for some degree of mass transit if they desire too. Again it leaves it with local control, local authority, which I think that you and I have both very have both been very strong advocates of.

SENATOR NORE: So we might have mass transit and no money to fill the chuck holes, is that right?

SENATOR SNYDER: It is up to the local city council and the county board.

SPEAKER: Seantor Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, for my second and last time, I have to answer SEantor Syas in his charge. Senator Syas two months ago when we originally had Senator Clark's bill before your committee, you were opposed to it then as as you now. Senator Syas, the city of Omaha provides a 20¢ bus fare not 10¢. Don't tell this legislature that they are now providing this service. I am not worried about the chuck hole money, it is up to the city council and the Mayor to decide